



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02672

Keyword: Organisational Information Police/Staff Misconduct and Complaints

Subject: Officer Misconduct

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

The FOI request with regards to the Whistleblowing Procedure, how many senior officers by rank have been disciplined in the case of a whistle-blower's evidence being upheld, and what additional procedures have been put in place as to ensure that when a complaint is made that it is the responsibility for all officers at senior level to accurately record and advise PSD and Anti-Corruption of the same?

Clarification to Requester

Can you please give a timeframe for the information that you have requested?

Clarification from Requester

Yes I am looking for this information from 2nd January 2022 up to and including the 10th September 2022.

Answer

From 2nd January 2022 to 10th September 2022 no senior officers have been disciplined as the result of a whistle-blower's evidence being upheld. Senior officers in this case have been regarded as officers of the rank of Inspector and above.

Guidance in relation to whistleblowing, and how concerns of wrongdoing are to be raised and dealt with is contained within PSNI Service Instruction 31/17 'Reporting Wrongdoing within the Police Service of Northern Ireland (Whistleblowing)' available at:

<https://www.psni.police.uk/sites/default/files/2022-09/Whistleblowing%203%20May%202018.pdf>

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a

review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

In most circumstances, the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out however, the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at their discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.